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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMMUNICATIONS TO SPOKANE EXPOSITION

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1. DEPARTMENT, USIA, AND COMMERCE CONSIDER SOVIET APPROACH  
ON SPOKANE COMMUNICATIONS PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE  
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES FOR US CULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL  
EXHIBITS AND PROVIDE USEFUL PRECEDENT FOR USE WHEN US  
BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES SET UP OPERATIONS IN SOVIET AREAS  
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OUTSIDE OF MOSCOW. THEORETICAL AVAILABILITY OF TELEX

SERVICE OUTSIDE MOSCOW SHOULD BE TESTED WHENEVER FEASIBLE, SINCE LENINGRAD ADVANCE PARTY EXPERIENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED LOCAL RESISTANCE TO TELEX INSTALLATION EVEN WHEN TELEX REQUESTED FOR DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT IN MAJOR SOVIET CITY.

2. SUBJECT TO EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BY NOTE THAT USG DOES NOT OBJECT TO SOVIETS INSTALLING TELEX AND SENDING CODED MESSAGES FROM SPOKANE EXHIBITION PROVIDED USG RECEIVES WRITTEN ASSURANCE OF RECIPROCAL TREATMENT FOR REMAINDER OF OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PLANNED TECHNOLOGY FOR THE AMERICAN HOME EXHIBITS. FYI. DEPARTMENT AND USIA ESTIMATE THAT MONTHLY TELEX RENTAL AND MESSAGE COSTS WILL BE MORE THAN OFFSET BY SAVINGS IN TELEPHONE BILLS. END FYI.

3. ALTHOUGH RECIPROCITY MAY BE HARD FOR SOVIETS TO ACCEPT, DEPARTMENT SEES NO OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY UNILATERAL TREATMENT OF SPOKANE COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST.

4. WITH REGARD TO SECURITY OFFICER, DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT OBJECT IF ONE OF SOVIET EXHIBIT EMPLOYEES HAS SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES. HOWEVER DEPARTMENT COULD NOT APPROVE SOVIET ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICER WITH DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR IMMUNITY TO EXHIBITION FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. TEXT OF SUGGESTED NOTE WOULD READ: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS CONSIDERED THE ORAL REQUEST MADE BY THE USSR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW TO ALLOW SOVIET PERSONNEL AT THE SPOKANE WORLD EXPOSITION TO HAVE THE CAPABILITY FOR SENDING CODED COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND TO MOSCOW. THE EMBASSY INFORMS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE INSTALLATION OF A COMMERCIAL TELEX TERMINAL ON THE PREMISES OF THE SOVIET PAVILION IN SPOKANE AND WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE USE OF THIS TELEX LINK, OR OTHER US COMMON CARRIER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY, FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF CODED MESSAGES FROM THE PAVILION TO MOSCOW, THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, OR THE SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL  
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IN SAN FRANCISCO, PROVIDED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECEIVES WRITTEN ASSURANCES FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THAT IT WILL FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF A TELEX TERMINAL IN THE OFFICE OF THE OUTDOOR RECREATION-USA EXHIBIT IN ODESSA WHICH WILL BE IN OPERATION DURING THE PERIOD OF RESIDENCE OF EXHIBIT PERSONNEL, AND WILL FACILITATE THE PROVISION AND OPERATION OF SIMILAR TELEX FACILITIES FOR THE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE AMERICAN HOME EXHIBIT IN

SOVIET CITIES WHERE IT WILL BE LOCATED. IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ASSURANCES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR WOULD AGREE TO THE TRANSMISSION OF CODED MATERIAL FROM THE ABOVE TELEX TERMINALS TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. END TEXT

6. IN HANDING OVER NOTE, EMBASSY SHOULD COMMENT THAT IN CONSIDERATION THAT COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS REQUIRE RAPID, RELIABLE, AND COMMERCIALY SECURE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY SHOULD POINT OUT THAT, AS AMERICAN BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE DETAILED TO REMOTE AREAS OF THE SOVIET UNION IN FUTURE, TELEX MAY BE ESSENTIAL FOR LINK WITH MOSCOW AND HOME OFFICES AND USG WILL EXPECT MFA ASSISTANCE TO SECURE ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS.

7. PLEASE REPORT SOVIET RESPONSE AND ANY PROBLEMS WHICH MAY ARISE WITH ODESSA TELEX INSTALLATION.

8. SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR ISAKOV CALLED AT DEPARTMENT MARCH 7 TO INQUIRE ABOUT SPOKANE COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST AND WAS TOLD THAT REPLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY. DEPARTMENT OFFICER STRESSED THAT IF REPLY AFFIRMATIVE, IT WOULD INCLUDE RECIPROCITY PROVISIONS AND CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT NEITHER SECURITY OFFICER NOR CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT WOULD HAVE DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR IMMUNITY. ISAKOV REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT EXHIBIT WOULD NOT HAVE STATUS OF "CONSULATE, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT." KISSINGER

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